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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PORS, TD
SUBJECT: TRINIDAD GUARDIAN BUILDING TARGET OF BOMBERS

REF: 77 PORT OF SPAIN 3808 AND 3858 (NOTAL)

1. ONE BOMB EXPLODED AND THREE OTHERS WERE DISCOVERED AND DEACTIVATED THE NIGHT OF MAY 29 ON THE PREMISES OF TRINIDAD PUBLISHING COMPANY, PUBLISHERS OF THE COUNTRY'S OLDEST AND LARGEST NEWSPAPER. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO INJURIES, THE BOMB WHICH DID EXPLODE DID SUFFICIENT DAMAGE TO DELAY PUBLICATION OF THE GUARDIAN FOR MAY 30 BY SEVERAL HOURS. TWO OF THE DEVICES, INCLUDING THE ONE THAT WENT OFF, REPORTEDLY WERE GELIGNITE PIPE BOMBS, WHILE THE OTHER TWO WERE FIRE BOMBS OF THE TYPE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN USED TO SET THE EXTENSIVE DOWNTOWN FIRES OF LAST DECEMBER (REFTELS). ALL APPARENTLY WERE TO BE ACTIVATED BY TIMING DEVICES.

2. COMMENT. AS YET THERE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN SPECULATION LOCALLY AS TO THE IDENTITY OR MOTIVES OF THE BOMBERS.
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HOWEVER, THE MODUS OPERANDI BEARS CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THAT USED IN LAST DECEMBER'S DEVASTATING FIRES, THE PERPETRATORS OF WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN APPREHENDED. WHATEVER ELSE IT MAY MEAN, THE CURRENT INCIDENT SERVES AS A DISTURBING REMINDER TO TRINIDADIANs THAT THERE ARE DANGEROUS PEOPLE WITH UNKNOWN MOTIVES AND OBJECTIVES AT LARGE IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT SUCH PEOPLE SEEMINGLY ARE ABLE TO

STRIKE WHEN AND WHERE THEY CHOOSE. FOX

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